THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to available information, the number of vacancies at the level of Chief Executives (full-time Chairmen/Managing Directors) and Functional Directors in Central Public Enterprises, for which the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have made recommendations but appointments are yet to be made by Government are 20 and 24 respectively.

(b) The recommendations of the PESB are processed by the administrative Ministries/Departments concerned and appointments are made only with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Appointments could be made only after getting vigilance clearance, verification of character and antecedents of individuals prior to their appointments and completing other formalities. In regard to existing vacancies officiating arrangements have been made so that the work of these enterprises does not suffer.

Case connected with Bhopal Gas tragedy

645. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government lawyers connected with the Bhopal gas disaster case have suggested to Government for an out of the Court Settlement of the case as reported in the 'Times of India', dated January 22, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision has since been taken as to whether the case is to be heard in India or abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Negotiations with Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) are being held under the umbrella and directions of the Court which are to be respected.

(c) The ruling of the Court on the motion of forum non-conveniens moved by the Union Carbide Corporation is awaited.

Import value of bulk drugs

646. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the value of import of bulk drugs during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85; and

(b) what percentage of this amount was imported by wholly indian-owned Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The value of bulk drugs imported during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as follows:—

	Rs. crores
1913-14 . . .	123.06
1984-85 . . .	178.41

(b) Sectorwise details of imports Ministry.

कलोल स्थित कुएं में आग

647. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कालोल (गुजरात) में प्राकृतिक गैस के कुएं में आग लगने के क्या कारण थे ;

(ख) इस आग को बुझाने के लिए क्या-क्या उपाय किये गये तथा इस पर कितना खर्च किया गया ;

(ग) इस संबंध में ली गयी विदेशी सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और